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1. Early in January 1950, Northeast authorities started to conscript all men between 15 and 45 except teachers and government employees. The purpose of the conscription is to supply 5,000,000 men for Northeast province, city and hsein self-defense corps\*.
2. Late in December 1949, 300 Soviet engineers were supervising the construction of steel foundries and factories in Tunghua (125-57, 41-43).

\* Comment. It is rumored that the conscription was instigated by the USSR.

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